

**CALIFORNIA HIGH SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY**  
**PUBLIC MEETING**  
**October 18, 2000**  
**San Francisco Public Utilities Commission**  
**505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA**  
**10:00 AM**





<u>Agenda Items</u>	<u>Responsible Party</u>	<u>Status<sup>§</sup></u>
1. Approval of August 16, 2000 Meeting Minutes	Chairman Tennenbaum	A
2. Authority Members' Meetings for Compensation	Mehdi Morshed	A
3. Members' Reports	Chairman Tennenbaum	I
4. Executive Director's Report	Mehdi Morshed	A
5. Approval of Project Management Work Plan <i>Parsons Brinckerhoff will present the work plan for the Project Management High-Speed Train Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for Authority review</i>	Mehdi Morshed Kip Field, Parsons Brinckerhoff	A
6. Presentation of Draft Performance Criteria for High-Speed Train Service <i>Parsons Brinckerhoff will present draft performance criteria to be used evaluating the high-speed train alternatives of the regional environmental engineering studies.</i>	Mehdi Morshed Kip Field, Parsons Brinckerhoff	I
7. Peer Review Presentation <i>Société Nationale des Chemins de Fer Français (SNCF) will present the results of their peer review conducted on the Authority's assumptions and recommendations.</i>	Mehdi Morshed	I
8. Peer Review Presentation <i>Japan Railway Technical Service (JARTS) will present the results of the peer review conducted on the Authority's assumptions and recommendations.</i>	Mehdi Morshed	I
9. Review and Approval of Regional Environmental/Engineering Study Request for Proposal <i>Staff will present the Request for Proposal (RFP) and schedule for the Los Angeles to San Diego via the Inland Empire Regional Environmental/Engineering Study contract for Authority review and approval.</i>	Mehdi Morshed	A
10. Approval of Regional Environmental/Engineering Contracts <i>Staff will present an overview of the proposals received for the Regional Environmental Study Contracts and the results of the selection process, Authority review and approval.</i>	Mehdi Morshed	A
11. Public Comment <i>An opportunity for public comment will be provided during each action item.</i>		

*"A" denotes an "Action" item; "I" denotes an "Information" item.*

October 4, 2000

Dear Stakeholder:

With the chaptering of AB 1703 (Florez and Costa), the Authority is poised to move from planning to implementing a high-speed train system. This is a very exciting time for high-speed rail in California. Attached is the agenda for the California High-Speed Rail Authority's October 18 meeting at Public Utilities Commission in San Francisco. I want to draw your attention to several important items:

-  The Authority will approve the work plan for the development of the program EIR for the statewide high-speed train system. This action effectively initiates the program EIR process—and starts the project.
-  The Authority will also approve the awarding of three regional environmental/engineering contracts to provide detailed review of how a high-speed system would be built and operated between the Bay Area and Merced, Sacramento and Bakersfield, and Bakersfield and Los Angeles. These analyses will form the technical backbone of the program EIR.
-  The Authority will act on issuing a request for proposal for a detailed environmental/engineering analysis of the Los Angeles to San Diego via the Inland Empire corridor.
-  The Authority will review the analyses that the Société Nationale des Chemins de Fer Français (SNCF) and the Japan Railway Technical Service (JARTS) have conducted on the Authority's present work. For the first time, two of the world's foremost high-speed train builders and operators are commenting publicly about the technical elements of the statewide high-speed train system.

I hope you can join us in San Francisco on October 18.

Sincerely,

Mehdi Morshed  
Executive Director